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True Repentance

True penitence, or heartfelt repentance, is deeply woven into biblical teachings. It’s about recognizing one’s wrongdoings, genuinely feeling remorse, seeking forgiveness, and committing to a renewed path of righteousness. Here are a few significant biblical references related to repentance:

- **Psalm 51:17**: "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O

God, You will not despise." This passage emphasizes the importance of sincere repentance and humility before God.

- **Acts 3:19**: "Repent, therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out." A call to repentance as a means of renewal and forgiveness.

- **Luke 15:7**: "I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." This highlights the

value placed on genuine repentance in the eyes of God.

- **2 Chronicles 7:14**: "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." A powerful promise of forgiveness tied to the act of turning away from sin.

These verses show that true penitence isn't just about feeling regret—it’s about

transformation, turning toward God’s guidance, and embracing a life rooted in faith and goodness.